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Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Examiner Bowman:

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2005 setting a one (1) month period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

The Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.